

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 18-19 and 31 remain in the present application. Claims 2-3 and 5-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Burrell IV. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 18, 19 and 31 are allowed. Further, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3 and 4 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Although the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's conclusions with regard to Burrell and the current rejection of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, the claims have been amended for placing this application in condition for allowance. In particular, the limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into amended claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended to place it in independent form by incorporating the limitations of claim 1 with claim 4. Both of these claims, previously objected to, are now in condition for allowance, along with claims 18-19 and 31.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 4, 18, 19 and 31 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submits the required \$120 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Terry L. Clark at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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